

Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, April 7, 1824, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO MRS. JACKSON.

Washington, April 7, 1824.

My Dear wife, This will be handed you by George who I send on with Mr Hill of Franklin, to take on Major Eatons Horses, and one of mine I left at Mr McGovacks if not sold. I do this with the view of following him in the stage as soon as I can possibly leave this which I cannot do untill after the vote in the senate on the Tariff bill; and the Bill of the Georgia commissioners, and the one authorising the surveying of the lands in Florida. The Tariff has been 8 weeks under discussion in the house of Representatives, and will take up all this week—so soon as I can therefore I will take the Stage and Steam Boat and reach home as Soon as I can, I hope by the 20th of May. I send a few Books by George for you and one for my Son and Little Hutchings to read, but not deface—it is the one presented to me by Genl Rogers, sketches and charecters of the sages of the Revolution.¹

¹ Thomas J. Rogers, *A New American Biographical Dictionary, or Remembrancer of the Departed Heroes, Sages, and Statesmen of America . . . in the Revolutionary War* (Easton, Pa., 1813; second ed., 1823).

My health is improving and I trust in a kind providence that you are, and will continue to enjoy good health untill I return home. give my love to all friends and neighbours and believe me to be your affectionate Husband